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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional patent application

For (Title): ILLUMINATION OPTICAL APPARATUS AND EXPOSURE APPARATUS
PROVIDED WITH ILLUMINATION OPTICAL APPARATUS

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Formal drawings (Figs. 1-30B; 30 sheets) are attached.
 Use Figure for front page of Publication.
 A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.
This patent application is assigned to NIKON CORPORATION.
 The executed Assignment is filed herewith.
 An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.
Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.
A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.
Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. _____, filed _____.
 Priority of foreign applications No. 2000-363225 filed November 29, 2000 in JAPAN and No. 2001-074240 filed March 15, 2001 in JAPAN are claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).
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 This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 112(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.
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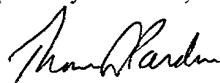
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RATE	Fee
	\$ 370
x 9 =	\$
x 42 =	\$
+ 140 =	\$
TOTAL	\$

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OR	RATE
OR	\$ 740
OR	x 18 = \$ 486
OR	x 84 = \$ 168
OR	+ 280 = \$
OR	TOTAL \$ 1394